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SUBJECT: ATTENDANCE AT ICNAF ANNUAL MEETING

REF: A. STATE 98302

B. REYKJAVIK 1"85

IN REPLY TO LETTER CONTAINED REF A, CHARGE WAS HANDED
TODAY FOLLOWING REPLY FROM FORNMIN AGUSTSSON TO
SECRETARY KISSINGER:

BEGIN QUOTE:

DEAR MR. SECRETARY,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF APRIL 23, 1976
REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF CHANGING THE MEETING
PLACE FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE
NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES (ICNAF).

ICELAND PLACES GREAT IMPORTANCE ON THIS MEETING
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AND CONSIDERS IT NECESSARY THAT THERE BE FULL

PARTICIPATION BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION.

WE HAD ALREADY INFORMED THE ORGANIZATION OF
OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING IN HAVANA, WHEN
I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER, AND IT IS RATHER DIFFICULT
TO CHANGE AT THIS LATE DATE. BUT IN VIEW OF THE
IMPORTANCE OF THE MATTER AND IF THERE IS A MAJORITY
OPINION IN FAVOUR OF HOLDING THE MEETING ELSEWHERE,
WE WOULD, OF COURSE, AGREE TO DO SO.

SHOULD THIS, HOWEVER, NOT BE POSSIBLE, I
SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE UNITED STATES CAN SEE THEIR
WAY CLEAR TO PARTICIPATE AS THE CHARACTER OF THE
MEETING IS PURELY TECHNICAL, AND IT IS, AS I SAID
BEFORE, OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE FOR THOSE INVOLVED AND
FOR THE IDEA OF THE PRESERVATION OF THE LIVING
RESOURCES OF THE SEA.

SINCERELY,
EINAR AGUSTSSON
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS

END QUOTE.
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